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## Ald. Bohl Sponsors New Water Deal with Waukesha

Last November, the Common Council approved a 40-year deal to provide water from Lake Michigan to the City of Waukesha, beginning in 2023. Milwaukee will yield revenue of \$42 million over the next 20 years as a result of the deal. Alderman Bohl was the Common Council sponsor of files bringing about this historic agreement.

This deal sets a new precedent for using the Great Lakes as a clean water resource. Currently, Waukesha is using a deep well system as its main water source, including seven wells with radium-contaminated water. Under the new water deal, Waukesha will have ready access to a fresh, clean, and sustainable water source, revolutionizing the way Great Lakes states use these invaluable lakes as an asset.

Milwaukee will receive more than \$3 million each year to send 6.1 million gallons of water to Waukesha daily; however the cost will incrementally rise to roughly \$4.5 million per year by 2050 as Waukesha's water intake rises to 5.2 million gallons per day. Currently Milwaukee has capacity to produce three times the volume of water that its customers use.

The deal will save the City of Waukesha customers money, with the city of Milwaukee having lower water rates compared to rival Oak Creek who also offered to supply water. It will also benefit city of Milwaukee ratepayers by holding down water rates they pay, and will also include a \$2.5 million contribution from the City of Waukesha that will be used to replace lead service lateral lines going into Milwaukee homes as part of the city's commitment to that program.

"This water deal mutually benefits the Milwaukee and Waukesha communities," said Alderman Bohl who states the deal has already sparked discussion on other mutual concerns like transportation to jobs and affordable housing. "Regionalism is the future for Milwaukee, and this deal is a huge step toward building collaborative partnerships with our neighbors."

Construction for the project will begin in 2020 and is expected to be completed by late 2022. ■



In December, Alderman Bohl joined Mayor Barrett, Common Council President Hamilton, and Waukesha municipal leaders in signing the historic water agreement between the two communities.

## Upcoming Town Hall Meetings

### TUESDAY, APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup> | 6:00PM

New Apostolic Church  
11722 W. Florist Ave.

#### WITH

**Alderman Bohl**

### THURSDAY, APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup> | 6:00PM

Grace Christian Fellowship Church  
9900 W. Capitol Dr.

#### WITH

**Alderman Bohl and new Interim Police Chief Alfonso Morales, as well as representatives from the Department of Neighborhood Services and the Department of Public Works**





## New Developments Downtown Provide Key Job Opportunities For Milwaukee Residents ➔

Milwaukee has not seen this level of redevelopment in decades. Multi-million dollar investments including Northwestern Mutual's \$450 million headquarters and \$100 million residential tower, the \$524 million Milwaukee Bucks arena, the \$122 million Couture apartment high-rise—and more—are opening up excellent employment opportunities for Milwaukee's own residents. It is spectacular to see Milwaukee's skyline evolving, reflecting the massive investment developers are making in the city's workforce.

Through the City of Milwaukee's collaboration with the Wisconsin Regional Training Partnership (WRTP/Big Step) and the city's Residents Preference Program (RPP), city residents have been receiving the necessary training and education to work on major construction projects like the Northwestern Mutual headquarters. The WRTP/Big Step provides training programs and certification for skilled trades including carpentry, electrical work, plumbing, steam-fitting, and more. With WRTP's job training, city residents are qualified and sought-after employees for new construction projects.

The RPP requires the employment of unemployed or under-employed city residents for construction projects that receive any public tax dollars to aid development. These developers must hire RPP participants, skill-certified through the Department of Public Works, WRTP, or Riverworks, for at least 40% of their construction force. This program provides a well-trained and local workforce for developers and invaluable job certification and experience for Milwaukee's residents. Another component requires these developers to provide at least 25% of their expenditures in contracted services to Small Business Enterprises (SBE) in the city—representing small, minority and women owned businesses.

The Northwestern Mutual HQ construction, which was completed last summer, hired nearly 800 Milwaukee residents through RPP, accounting for 43.5% of total construction hours and additionally paid out \$137 million dollars to qualified local SBE companies in contract services.

The construction project hired residents from diverse segments of the city by reaching out to more than 100 community-based organizations across Milwaukee. Now complete, the headquarters requires more Northwestern Mutual employees, bringing more permanent jobs to Milwaukee, and drawing more visitors from conferences.

The new Milwaukee Bucks arena has seen more than 2,000 construction workers on the development, which is slated for completion later this year. With \$250 million of public dollars invested into the new arena, the development has also exceeded its 40% employment requirement of Milwaukee residents through RPP. Construction workers from the city are receiving paid on-the-job training and experience while working on what will be one of Milwaukee's best attractions for years to come.

The \$122 million Couture apartment high-rise will not only bring high-end living to Milwaukee, but significant redevelopment in city works projects as well. The new 44-story building will be home to apartments, three levels of retail space, and a public transit concourse. Its work will kick into gear as the arena project winds down, allowing continuous employment opportunities for Milwaukee's unemployed and under-employed workers.

"For too long, African Americans and other people of color were not well represented in the construction trades in our city," said Alderman Bohl. "Both Milwaukee's RPP and SBE program requirements are proving a game changer in providing opportunity where it was lacking. Instead of Oconomowoc residents coming to work on Milwaukee developments and bringing their paychecks home to Waukesha County, we will find Milwaukee trades workers building there and bringing their paychecks back to our community."

**To learn more about the City of Milwaukee's Residents Preference Program or the Wisconsin Regional Training Partnership, [wrtp.org](http://wrtp.org) or [milwaukee.gov/OSBD/RPP](http://milwaukee.gov/OSBD/RPP). ■**

## Wisconsin State Government Needs to Address Broken Revenue System ➤

Once again, the state of Wisconsin is not looking out for the financial interests of cities like Milwaukee. By creating a detrimental revenue structure within the City of Milwaukee, the state government is running off with tax dollars that belong to our city's programs.

Wisconsin municipalities must rely on property taxes as their sole form of local taxation. Every other state in the country allows local government to employ a local sales (the state of Wisconsin collects what would otherwise be our local sales taxes revenues and the city gets none of it), a local payroll tax or local income tax, or a combination of these. Wisconsin's system results in higher than average property taxes but state laws also place restrictions on increasing property taxes to a formula of new growth. In addition, the City of Milwaukee receives state aids, which includes the state shared revenue program—the state's way of making payments back to municipalities for all of the local sales taxes they collect and keep. The problem is the state has steadily decreased those payments in the last

20 years as they've kept more of our local collected sales tax revenues and sent tens of millions of dollars less back to us. Meanwhile the cost of running city departments continues to rise while state funding is dissipating and property taxes are capped.

This revenue structure has never been sustainable for Milwaukee or other Wisconsin municipalities and is leading to the suffocation of important local services that benefit our residents.

In 2016, the City of Milwaukee received only \$219 million in shared revenue, which was \$58 million short of covering just the Milwaukee Police Department's budget of \$277 million. To cover the rest of MPD's budget, the City of Milwaukee used every property tax dollar raised plus another \$20 million earned from additional revenues. If shared revenue from the state is not enough to cover just the city's police department, there cannot be a realistic expectation to sustain our city—our departments, initiatives, and services—with this broken revenue system.

**"This strangulation of revenue limited by archaic laws created by the state of Wisconsin must end," said Alderman Bohl. "Milwaukee sends a significantly higher amount of overall taxes to the state of Wisconsin than we see coming back. We are subsidizing other communities in the state and fairness needs to be restored."**

To "subsidize" city funding, the state of Wisconsin authorized municipalities to impose and collect on room taxes levied on lodging. However, Wisconsin state statutes mandate that the City of Milwaukee has no right to this revenue, and all tax dollars earned from room tax must be surrendered to the Wisconsin Center District, which was created by Wisconsin state statute in 1994 and pays for the convention center, Milwaukee Theater and downtown arena. Other cities around us with hotels can keep 40% of the room taxes for their local city budgets. This again provides another example of a biased and broken local taxation system hoisted on us by the Wisconsin state government.

After decades of onerous state restrictions tightening Milwaukee and other municipalities' revenues, the Wisconsin state legislature is said to belatedly recognize the broken nature of their onerous restrictions and is scheduled to hold hearings this spring. Alderman Bohl encourages residents to contact their state representatives to ask them to free up shared revenues or find a fair formula for allowing the city to keep a portion of our locally generated sales taxes.

Please go to <http://bit.ly/2FdA0i2> to read the entire Public Policy Forum report on City of Milwaukee revenue.



## Mill Road Branch Library to Move to Good Hope Rd. ➤

### Mill Road Branch Library to See 21st Century Improvements

The Common Council, Mayor Barrett, and the Milwaukee Public Library Board of Trustees allocated \$18 million to be reinvested in our city's libraries through redevelopment and technological updates by 2020. In 2014, the Milwaukee Public Library Board of

Trustees approved the construction of a new building for the Mill Road branch. Four years later, construction is underway.

The new building will house a 17,500 square-foot library on the first floor with 65 mixed-income apartment units on the upper floors. The plan for the library also includes 21st century innovations like updated computer systems, better community spaces, and improved internet access. It will be located at 7717 W. Good Hope Rd. Construction is expected to start in 2018 with an expected opening in 2019.

"Libraries are still an invaluable

resource for Milwaukee residents," said Alderman Bohl. "The redevelopment of the Mill Road branch will replace the library's outdated and inefficient facility with a fresh design and technological advances that will propel our city's public library system into the 21st century."

In addition to Mill Road, several other Milwaukee public libraries have already seen significant updates in recent years. Capitol Drive Library is the next in line to be rebuilt and Ald. Bohl will work at hosting meetings for constituents as this approaches. ■



## Project Clean & Green Scheduled for Entire 5th District

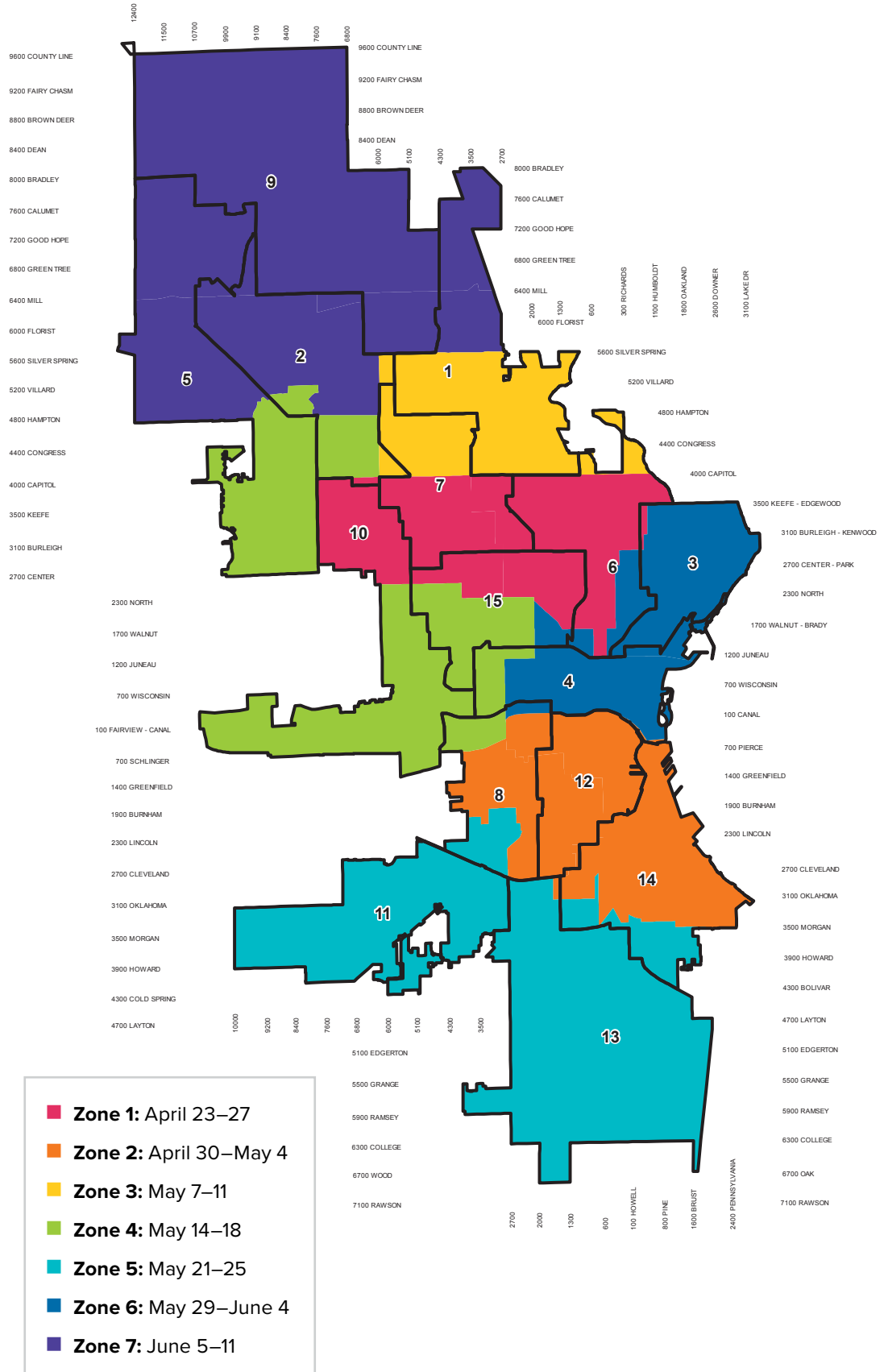
City sanitation collection crews will be picking up extra items this spring across the 5th District as part of **Project Clean & Green**.

For residents south of W. Hampton Ave. in Zone 4, **Clean & Green** will occur **May 14–18**, and for nearly all residents north of W. Hampton Ave. in Zone 7, it will occur **June 5–11**. Please see the map (right). Residents should place unwanted bulky items such as furniture, mattresses, household items, yard and garden waste, tree trimmings and leaves, and up to five (5) tires at their regular garbage collection point—either the curb or alley line—on their regular garbage collection day.

Large brown paper yard waste bags are required for grass clippings and optional for other yard waste. Tires must be separated from other items. Appliances, TVs, electronics, construction debris, and paint are not included in this service. These items can be taken to a City Drop Off Center for proper disposal.

DPW crews will pick up these items **at no charge during your Clean & Green week only**.

To find your garbage pick-up date and/or to learn what DPW will and will not pick up, please go to the DPW website at [milwaukee.gov/mpw](http://milwaukee.gov/mpw) or call 286-CITY(2489).



## Ald. Bohl Active on Green Legislation ➤

In recent months, Alderman Bohl sponsored successful legislation banning harmful coal-tar sealants that are frequently used to blacktop driveways and parking lots and legislation to increase green infrastructure in the city's combined sewer area, reducing the likelihood of both future sanitary bypasses into Lake Michigan and basement backup incidents in homes.

Alderman Bohl brought his coal tar legislation forward after the publication of a study that found waterways around Milwaukee to be contaminated by the toxic chemicals in coal-tar sealants. At current levels, the coal-tar sealants' chemicals could endanger aquatic animals living in the Milwaukee metropolitan area's rivers and streams. Furthermore, the study found a correlation between exposure to the sealant's chemicals and sizable increased risk in various cancers in humans.

"We know that coal-tar sealants are responsible for irreversible harm to our city's ecosystem and residents," said Alderman Bohl. Milwaukee's ban of coal-tar sealants put it among the forefront of communities in the country banning sealants that contain a dangerous PAH chemical (Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon). Municipalities with the ban still will allow safer substitutes that do not contain high PAH levels.

Alderman Bohl additionally sponsored a resolution directing the city's Environmental Collaboration Office to develop a comprehensive green infrastructure plan for Milwaukee's Combined Sewer Area.

This resolution directs the Environmental Collaboration Office to develop a comprehensive green infrastructure plan for the CSA, including recommendations for changes to existing policies and ordinances addressing public and private infrastructure and lands. The plan shall identify potential funding sources, public and private, to support green infrastructure projects to prevent clean rainwater during storms from filling the combined sewer, reducing both the likelihood of the bypass of human waste into the lake during heavy storms and also reducing the likelihood of basement backups to residents of the 5th district and city.

"While the 5th Aldermanic district is not in combined sewer area, its pipes are affected by the CSA," said Ald. Bohl. "Changes in the CSA to reduce clean water into the system in heavy storms is both positive for our lake and residents." ■

## Park Place TID #91 to Welcome New Research Facility and Public Infrastructure Improvements ➤

On January 1, 2017, the Common Council created the Park Place Tax Incremental District (TID #91) in the 5th District, and the area is now seeing a large investment project. With the building of the new A.O. Smith Corp. Corporate Technology Center in Park Place TID, the 5th District will see a revitalization of the business park and related public infrastructure improvements.

Before the creation of the Park Place TID, which is bounded by I-41 on the west and North 107th Street on the east, the Park Place area was struggling to fill significant vacancies in their retail and office spaces. Spacious office complexes, like One Park Plaza and Two Park Plaza, were only able to lease 44% of their usable office space. The strip mall was leasing less than 9% of the building's total retail space. To attract businesses and retailers back to the Park Place area, the Common Council created TID #91.

One year after its creation, the TID has welcomed plans for A.O. Smith Corporation's new state-of-the-art research and development facility. The 42,700 square-foot facility will be used to conduct research on improving water heating and treatment and air purification. The \$8.5 million project is a significant reinvestment in Park Place and the 5th District.

In addition to a new research facility, TID #91's plan focuses on funding public improvements and infrastructure within the district, developing vacant property to retain current tenants and attract new ones, and create more jobs in the city. To tackle public improvement projects, the plan proposal allocates \$450,000 for repaving sections of West Good Hope Road and for landscaping medians on West Good Hope Road and West Park Place. The plan also outlines \$300,000 to go to a Business Attraction/Retention Fund in an effort to attract and retain office and retail tenants with grants or loans to improve their own businesses.

"Big changes are coming to the Park Place area and we are already seeing the benefits of TID #91," said Alderman Bohl. "In short order after the TID's creation, the Manitowoc Corporation announced it was moving its headquarters from Manitowoc to Park Place, giving the office park two Fortune 1,000 corporate headquarters. I expect more of this momentum to continue in the future."

The construction of A.O. Smith's Corporate Technology Center is slated for completion by July 2019. ■

### Alderman Bohl Calls for Stronger Adult Family Home Guidelines ➤

The issue of residential group homes has recently become a topic of conversation involving neighbors in the district for some time. Unfortunately, it is the state of Wisconsin (or Milwaukee County through the state) and not the city that licenses and regulates the two categories of group facilities—Adult Family Homes (AFH) with 2–4 residents, and Community Based Residential Facilities (CBRF) with 5–8 residents.

For protected classes of residents (physically disabled, mentally challenged and elderly residents) at both types of group homes, the city is prohibited from having any zoning restriction in place. If they are a CBRF, the state requires neighborhood notification by a prospective applicant, as well as a public meeting and a good faith effort in attempting to set up a “community advisory committee” of area residents to hear any complaints and serve as a liaison between the group home and area residents. The issue is that the state

does not have these notification and meeting requirements in place for AFH’s. As a result, these smaller group homes can crop up without any notice to neighbors or the city.

Back in January 2016, Alderman Bohl sponsored a Common Council resolution that called upon the state to revisit its laws and require both notification and meeting requirements for AFH’s to meet the same standard for CBRF’s. City lobbyists have pushed state legislators for this change without success.

**Alderman Bohl encourages residents who share his concern to reach out to their state representative and state senator to encourage them to make changes to give greater notification and control of group facilities to local municipalities. Find out who your state reps are on the state government website at [legis.wisconsin.gov](http://legis.wisconsin.gov). ■**

### Ald. Bohl Takes the Lead on Lead ➤

Lead has been a hot topic of late in Milwaukee with concerns coming to light over shoddy follow up practices by the Health Department on notifications to families whose children tested high for lead blood levels. This has resulted in reforms to the program, the seating of a new city health commissioner and ongoing investigations of the department’s practices.

Ald. Bohl chaired the city’s Water Quality Task Force in 2016 and 2017 dealing with lead in water and has remained the most active Alderman on the lead issue. From 2016 to present he has sponsored or co-sponsored about a dozen pieces of legislation on issues like strengthening education and public notice requirements, requiring testing of city charter schools and creating the mechanism for removal of lead service lines.

Ald. Bohl realizes the concerns of lead and its impacts are very real in the city. While the 5th Aldermanic District has only a small number of homes with lead water service lines, the Alderman wants residents to know the facts about that and other interior forms of lead plumbing that could still present risk. He further wants households to be aware of lead paint risks inherent in a substantial portion of homes in the district and city, and to take steps to protect themselves and their families.

Because of the complexities of the issue and misinformation that has been spread in the media and social media and even in government circles, Alderman Bohl wrote and released a well-researched white paper on the topic of lead in water and paint in February. Links to the white paper, Alderman Bohl’s lead related legislation, and additional information on lead paint and lead water safety can be found on Alderman Bohl’s web page at [milwaukee.gov/district5](http://milwaukee.gov/district5).



#### What you can do to minimize your family’s risks

- Children should have their blood tested annually for lead levels up to the age of six.
- Certified NSF/ANSI level 53 lead removing water filters are the safest form of water safety for your family whether you have a lead service line or not because of internal plumbing sources of lead (please see Ald. Bohl’s white paper for a thorough explanation of this). The city has filters available to homes with service lines, or pitcher units with replacement filters will run around \$100 per year and can be found online or in many department stores. If you do not have use of a lead removing filter system, use only cold water that is run for 3 minutes after prolonged stagnation for drinking and cooking.
- Maintain paint from chipping around window sills and properly remove dust around sills with a damp cloth regularly. ■

## Dog Leash

It is unlawful to allow any animal to be at large unlicensed, without supervision and control; no animal may be walked without provision for removal of waste. ■

## Be on Alert for Rats

Any resident witnessing the problem should call DNS at **286-2268** so that workers can inspect the situation and place baits if necessary (they can also answer questions about proper disposal of dead rats).

Rats especially prefer spaces underneath garages and sheds. Residents are asked to secure all compost bins, and remove fallen garbage from garbage carts and containers, fruit from trees, vegetables from gardens, dog litter, dog food, bird seed from under bird feeders and any other items that may fall on the ground or out in the open and can be used as food. **Please do not feed** raccoons or squirrels, as this will also attract rats. ■

## Grass Clippings

State law prohibits putting grass clippings, branches and garden debris in the garbage and being left in the street curb. Leave clippings on the lawn to decompose and nourish the soil, or compost them. Or, take them to the city's Self-Help Center on Industrial Road. ■

## Crime Report

Crime was down 46% in the 5th Aldermanic District over the first two months of 2018 compared to 2017. This is on top of a 16% district-wide crime reduction overall of 2017 when compared to 2016. Ald Bohl attributes the large reductions in late 2017 and continue this year to efforts the Common Council took in successfully pressuring the Fire and Police Commission to impose a reinstatement of police chases. Ald. Bohl believes this reinstated policy, which he supports, will continue to effect the reduction of incidents relating to car thefts, mobile drug sales and erratic driving. ■

## Police Contacts

Important police numbers include:

- **933-4444 for non-emergency calls**  
(hit 9 to bypass the menu)
- **911 for emergency calls**
- **935-7242 for Police District 4**
- **935-7272 for Police District 7**
- **935-3504 to report drug activity details in PD 7.**

## Drug Mail-In Expansion

A program Alderman Bohl originated and helped launch in December of 2016 has expanded. The city's partnership with CVS Pharmacy and MMSD to provide free tamper-proof mail back envelopes to residents wanting a convenient way



to dispose of unused, unwanted or surplus medications has added locations where envelopes may be picked up. In addition to envelopes being available at all CVS Pharmacies in Milwaukee and in the lobby at all MPD police stations, the Milwaukee Fire Department now has the secure, postage free envelopes available to the public at all Milwaukee Fire Department Stations. Simply ring the doorbell at the fire station and let the fire fighters know of your desire to obtain envelopes as part of the free program. An instruction sheet is inside all envelopes explaining use. ■

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Alderman Bohl was asked by Common Council President Ashanti Hamilton to preside over a recent Council meeting to allow the President to engage in debate and to present a motion for discussion and action.



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## **Look for Lead**

Check your home for chipping, cracking or peeling paint, lead pipes and plumbing, or other possible lead sources like painted toys and ceramics.



## **Talk to a Doctor about Lead Testing**

If you are pregnant or have a child under age 6, you may need to be tested. All children should be tested three times before age 3, and some children should continue to be tested up to age 6.



## **Get the Facts**

Find information and resources to take action at [LeadSafeMKE.com](http://LeadSafeMKE.com)

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